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SENSITIVE RAILWAY STATIONS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there had been an incident of stampede at some stations due to excessive rush of passengers;

(b) whether the Government has identified or declare some railway stations as sensitive;

(c) if so, the details thereof particularly in U.P., Zone / State-wise;

(d) whether the Government is contemplating to formulate any scheme for modernization of some railway stations particularly big stations to reduce rush at railway stations in lieu of increasing the number of trains;

(e) whether some stations are likely to be upgraded as big stations in order to reduce congestion there; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a): Yes, Sir. On 13.11.2004 Train No. 2388 Down Jan Sadharan Express scheduled to start at 1510 hrs. was placed at Platform No. 3 at 1100 hrs., and the doors were opened at 1210 hrs. There was heavy rush at New Delhi Railway Station due to festivals of Chhat and Id towards Bihar. While crowd was descending to Platform No. 3 to board Jan Sadharan Express, suddenly a woman passenger, due to pressure of rush, slipped down on the landing in the middle of the staircase connecting Foot Over Bridge and Platform No 2/3. Consequently, a stampede started which resulted in stumbling of some more passengers.

(b): Yes, Sir.

(c): In South Western Railway (Karnataka), Bangalore, Mysore, Hubli, Davangere and Arsikere have been identified as sensitive.

In South Central (Andhra Pradesh), Tirupathi, Renigunta, Vijayawada and Rajahmundry have been identified.

In Eastern Railway (West Bengal), Howrah and Sealdah have been identified.

In Northeast Frontier Railway (Assam), Guwahati has been identified

(d) to (f): Upgradation / renovation / modernisation of railway stations including big stations, is a continuous process and the same is undertaken in accordance with laid down norms as per category of station, traffic growth, inter-se priorities & availability of funds.